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April 16, 2025

Tommy Waters Chair
City Council
City and County of Honolulu
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Aloha Chair Waters and Council Members:

The North Shore Neighborhood Board (NSNB) strongly opposes the Hale'iwa Backyards project and the steps needed to execute the project as presented during the October 22, 2024, meeting. The board believes that the proposed development poses significant threats to the cultural integrity, environmental sustainability, and community character of Haleiwa and the broader North Shore region.

The NSNB urges the City Council to halt its approval process until the concerns of the North Shore community are addressed through updated environmental assessments, genuine community consultation, and adherence to sustainable development principles.

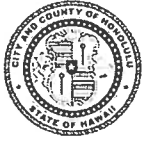
Please see the attached letter that was sent to the Planning Commission that details the board's concerns.

Mālama 'āina,

Kathleen M. Pahinui

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January 19, 2025

Pane Meatoga III

Chair

Planning Commission c/o Department of Planning and Permitting

650 S King St

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Aloha Chair Meatoga and Commission Members:

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Specifically:

Cultural Impact: The project undermines the historic and cultural fabric of Hale'iwa by promoting large-scale development incompatible with the area's identity as a culturally rich and community-oriented town.

Community Displacement and Overdevelopment: The project prioritizes commercial interests over local needs, exacerbating housing challenges and potentially driving long-time residents out of their community.

Environmental Concerns: The project relies on outdated environmental assessments and disregards current concerns about climate change, sea level rise, and sustainable land use practices. The potential harm to sensitive ecosystems, including the wetlands and nearby marine environments, is unacceptable.

Lack of Meaningful Community Engagement: Although the developers have held some public meetings, the project does not reflect genuine community input. The overwhelming opposition voiced by residents highlights a disconnect between the developers' vision and the community's desires.

For these reasons, the NSNB firmly opposes the Haleiwa Backyards project and urges the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and other relevant agencies to halt its approval process until the concerns of the North Shore community are addressed through updated environmental assessments, genuine community consultation, and adherence to sustainable development principles.

Passed Unanimously at the Tuesday, November 26, 2024 North Shore NB #27 Meeting

Mālama 'āina,

Kathleen M. Pahinui

Kathleen M. Pahinui, Chair